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TELEGRAM NUMBER 204 OF 17 JANUARY

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1. JOSHUA NKOMO PAID A FIRST CALL ON ME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, ACCOMPANIED BY CHAMBATI, MUSARURWA AND OTHER OFFICIALS.
2. NKOMO HAD COME ARMED WITH A LONG LIST OF COMPLAINTS WHICH HE WISHED TO RAISE WITH ME. BUT THE TONE OF OUR DISCUSSION WAS FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT. HIS MAIN CONCERN WAS EVIDENTLY WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUXILIARIES, WHO HE CLAIMED WERE PRACTISING WIDESPREAD INTIMIDATION ON BEHALF OF THE U A N C. IN REPLY, I MADE MOST OF THE POINTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET OUT IN TELEGRAMS TO YOU ON THIS QUESTION. NKOMO SHOWED UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF WHAT I AM SEEKING TO ACHIEVE, BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE DIFFICULTY LAY IN CONTROLLING THE ACTIVITIES OF A FORCE WHICH WAS WIDELY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE ONLY ANSWER WAS, HE SAID, TO ASSEMBLY THEM IN THE SAME WAY AS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES WERE ASSEMBLED. HE DISMISSED ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUXILIARIES WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE IF THEY FOCUSED ON SOCIAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL WORK, ARGUING THAT THIS AMOUNTED TO POLITICISATION DIRECTED AGAINST THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
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TO THE LUPANE INCIDENT. I BELIEVE I HAD SOME SUCCESS IN CONVINCING HIM OF MY OWN GENUINE CONCERN ABOUT THIS CASE, AND HE SEEMED TO TAKE THE POINT THAT, TRAGIC THOUGH IT WAS, IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT DURING THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY PROCESS AND AFTER IT THERE HAD NOT BEEN MORE OF ITS KIND. THE FACT THAT IT WAS SO WELL KNOWN WAS IN ITSELF A TRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE POST-ASSEMBLY PERIOD.

4. NKOMO COMPLAINED IN THIS CONTEXT AND OTHERS ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF GENERAL WALLS IN PARTICULAR. COM OPS WERE NOT PROMOTING PEACE AND RECONCILIATION BY SPEAKING OF THE QUOTE SURRENDER UNQUOTE OF GROUPS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES TO THE QUOTE SECURITY FORCES UNQUOTE (A TERM TO WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, HE TAKES GREAT EXCEPTION AND I HAVE MUCH SYMPATHY FOR HIS VIEW) IN THEIR COMMUNIQUES, OR BY INSTIGATING HARRASSMENT OF RETURNING REFUGEES. HE ARGUED THAT THE SCREENING OF THE GROUP OF REFUGEES FROM BOTSWANA WHO HAD TURNED UP NEAR PLUMTREE WAS A BREACH OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. MY OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENTLY DREW THE ATTENTION OF HIS PEOPLE TO THE REQUIREMENT IN THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT THAT MOVEMENT BY QUOTE PERSONNEL OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ARMED FORCES INTO RHODESIA ..... WILL CEASE UNQUOTE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD A RIGHT TO SATISFY ITSELF THAT PERSONS ENTERING RHODESIA DURING THIS PERIOD, EVEN IF THEY WERE UNARMED, WERE NOT IN FACT MEMBERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES.

5. NKOMO ASKED WHY THE ROUTINE CALL-UP INTO THE RHODESIAN FORCES WAS CONTINUING. I SAID THAT IT WAS NOT MY BUSINESS TO INTERFERE WITH A QUESTION WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. NKOMO PLEADED FOR HIS PARTY TO BE ALLOWED TO IMPORT CARS, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL FOR ITS ELECTION CAMPAIGN DUTY FREE. I SAID THAT WE HAD LOOKED INTO THIS QUESTION AND HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE FAIR OR PRACTICABLE. BUT WE HAD WORKED OUT WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE A SCHEME FOR SIMPLIFYING IMPORTING PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION MATERIAL, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE PARTIES VERY SOON.

7. NKOMO ROARED WITH LAUGHTER AT THE END OF OUR MEETING WHEN I TOLD HIM OF THE JEALOUSY WHICH HAD BEEN AROUSED AMONGST THE OTHER PARTIES BY THE ARRANGEMENTS WE HAD MADE TO TRANSFER HIM FROM THE AIRPORT TO HIGHFIELDS BY HELICOPTER ON 13 JANUARY. IT HAD TAKEN CHAMEATI 35 MINUTES OF PERSUASION ON THE TELEPHONE TO GET HIM TO AGREE TO THIS, HE SAID.

8. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT NKOMO DID NOT REFER EVEN OBLIQUELY TO THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN RHODESIA IN FRONT OF HIS OFFICIALS. ALL HE SAID ON THIS QUESTION, WHEN I TOOK HIM ASIDE



THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN RHODESIA IN FRONT OF HIS OFFICIALS. ALL HE SAID ON THIS QUESTION, WHEN I TOOK HIM ASIDE FOR A FEW MINUTES ALONE BEFORE HE LEFT, WAS QUOTE YOU (REPEAT YOU) HAVE QUITE A PROBLEM THERE UNQUOTE.

9. ALL IN ALL I BELIEVE THIS WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST MEETING, AND THAT I HAVE ENCOURAGED NKKMO TO TRUST IN MY GOOD WILL TOWARDS HIM. I ASKED HIM TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ME AND TO FEEL FREE TO COME AND SEE ME AT ANY TIME WHEN THERE WAS A PROBLEM WHICH HE THOUGHT NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED BY DISCUSSION BETWEEN US.

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